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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
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In the Specification:

Page 3, line 2: replace “intelligible language” with “syntactical and meaning representations”.

Page 12:

- line 5: replace “modify phrase” with “modifying subphrase”.
- line 23: insert the following paragraph:

Lemma of Headwords. The syntactic and semantic behavior of a headword is often independent of its *inflectional* morphology. For example, the verbs “walks”, “walking”, and “walked” are derived from the verb “walk”. The transitivity of a verb is independent of such inflection.